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PRICES CHARGED BY FOOD STALL IN ITPO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government are aware that in the Trade Fair held in November in Delhi, the visitors were fleeced by the stalls selling food and cold drinks in the Pragati Maidan;

(b) whether malpractices indulged in by the stall owners were also brought to the notice of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) officials;

(c) if so, the action ITPO took to ensure that the visitors are not overcharged;

(d) whether at the time of signing the contract with stall owners the ITPO laid down certain conditions regarding prices to be charged by them during the course of the fair; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c) A few instances of overcharging came to the notice of ITPO following which surprise checks were conducted to ensure that no incidence of overcharging by the owners of stalls/vending points takes place. Regular announcements were also made over the public address system to the fact that no extra money is payable over and above the prescribed rates of eatables.

(d) & (e) The agreement entered between the ITPO and the stall owners inter alia provided that the rates of food and beverages will be fixed in consultation with the ITPO and displayed at prominent places in the restaurant/stall and the same was duly enforced.